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**MAYOR JERRY SANDERS  
PRESS RELEASE**

**REGIONAL LOBBYING EFFORTS HELP BRING \$400 MILLION OF  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TO SAN DIEGO REGION**

***CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION VOTE SUPPORTS CRITICAL  
PROJECTS CALLED OUT DURING MAYOR'S TRIPS TO SACRAMENTO***

Mayor Sanders' lobbying efforts in Sacramento, along with those of other regional leaders, have helped secure an addition \$400 million in regional transportation funding. In a vote today, the California Transportation Commission endorsed a \$2 billion program funded by Proposition 1B money that includes money for important projects in San Diego. The Mayor helped win support for San Diego's share of the funding by traveling to Sacramento last November to testify in favor of the allocation before the Commission.

"The strong case we made about the importance of our border to the movement of goods throughout California enabled the region to win an unexpectedly large percentage of limited Trade Corridors Improvement Funds," said Mayor Sanders. "The \$400 Million the Commission chose to allocate to San Diego is more than 13% of the total funding available for projects this year. Its also enough to address most of projects submitted for consideration by our region," he said.

**CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN SAN DIEGO CHOSEN FOR FUNDING**

The Commission honored the Mayor's request for an allocation sufficient to fund critical transportation projects throughout the San Diego region. These projects were part of the Good Movement Programs funding application submitted by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). The projects receiving allocations from the Commission include traffic congestion relief on major highways, improvements to local rail lines and work to improve border crossing between Mexico and San Diego.

Each of the San Diego projects considered by the Commission is included in the list of candidates for Trade Corridors Improvement Fund financing approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors in July of this year.

Key projects include:

- The completion of State Route 905, a six lane east-west freeway between Otay Mesa border crossing with interchanges at State Route 125, I-805 and I-5.
- Additional funding for a third Port of Entry along the border with Mexico and a four lane freeway to connect the new point of entry to State Route 905.
- A new (third) rail line running to the border from near downtown which will include new yards and a logistics center.
- Enhancements to truck routes leading from the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal.

Mayor Sanders is committed to maintaining a high profile among funding agencies and decision makers at all levels in Sacramento and Washington DC. He is also committed to working with elected officials and community leaders throughout San Diego to identify projects and funding opportunities for the future.

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